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Harford County to Celebrate Arbor Day 2012

(Bel Air, MD) - - Harford County Government will recognize **Arbor Day 2012** on Friday, April 6, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Harford Waste Disposal Center (Scarboro Landfill) located at 3135 Scarboro Road in Street, Maryland .

The **Arbor Day** festivities will consist of tree plantings, displays, demonstrations, exhibits, refreshments, and a free tree for all who attend. The goal is to plant 1,200 tree seedlings at the Scarboro Landfill site.

The **Arbor Day 2012** activities mark Harford County earning the **Tree City USA** award from the **National Arbor Day Foundation** for the 9th consecutive year. The **Tree City USA** designation recognizes the work of elected officials, staff, and citizens who plant and care for the community forest. Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure of our cities and towns, and provide environmental and economical benefits.

The **National Arbor Day Foundation** is a non-profit conservation organization of nearly one million members, with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. To qualify for the award, Harford County has an active Forestry Board, ordinances that govern tree care, a community forestry program and an **Arbor Day** celebration and proclamation.

Volunteers are encouraged to arrive at Scarboro Landfill by 8:45 a.m. Civic organizations, school groups, scouts and individuals are invited to participate. Volunteers should bring a hammer, shovel, work gloves, work boots and a bag lunch. The **Arbor Day** planting project will occur rain or shine.

For more information about the **Arbor Day 2012** event, or to volunteer, please contact Betsey Greene, Department of Planning and Zoning, at 410-638-3103 ext. 1380.

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